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Felix Rogalle Elected Chief Judge of 34th District Court

Promising to continue his efforts to correct the problems he encountered when elected in 1990, Felix F. Rogalle was recently elected Chief Judge of the 34th District Court in Romulus and will serve a two-year term. The 34th District Court serves the cities of Romulus and Belleville and the townships of Van Buren, Sumpter, and Huron.

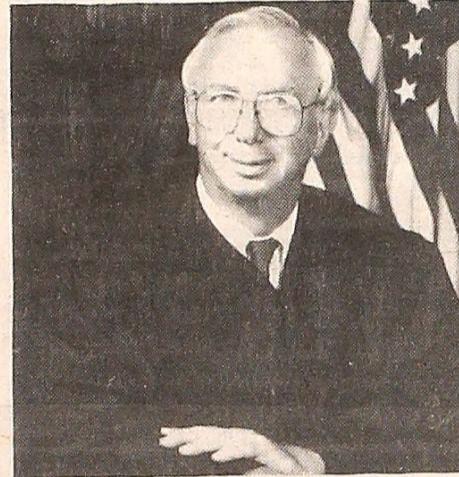
Judge Rogalle, along with newly appointed Court Administrator Michael Ramsey, promises to pursue a course of conduct to bring the investigation of past embezzlement to a finalization.

"Our citizens have a right to know," said Rogalle. "It is time that the people of our district be informed of criminal incidents. The 34th District Court is fortunate to have honest, efficient, dedicated, and hard-working employees. It is unfair to them to be under a cloud of suspicion because of the actions of a few."

The 34th District Court is the seat of three judges: Chief Judge Rogalle, Judge William J. Szlinis, and Judge Henry Zaborowski. Approximately 35,000 cases—consisting of civil cases up to \$10,000 in damages, landlord-tenant matters, traffic violations, ordinance violations, criminal misdemeanor cases, criminal felony examinations, drunk-driving violations, and small claims—are handled at the Court each year.

As the Chief Judge, Rogalle is required to act in conformity with the Michigan Court Rules, administrative orders of the Supreme Court, and local court rules, and freely solicits the advice and suggestions of the other judges. As the presiding officer of the court, the Chief Judge calls and presides over meetings of the Court; appoints committees of the Court; initiates policies concerning the Court's internal operations and its position on external matters affecting the Court; represents the Court in its relations with the Supreme Court, other courts, other agencies of government, the bar, the general public, and the news media, as well as in ceremonial functions; and counsels and assists other judges in the performance of their responsibilities.

Judge Rogalle has been very active while on the Bench. Since elected in 1990 and sworn into office in 1991, he was instrumental in the revision of mediation panels, selecting qualified mediators for small-claim and gen-



eral-civil cases, resulting in a speedy resolution of most cases and saving Court resources. He has participated in monthly conferences with the chiefs of police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and various support agencies such as First Step and Haven. Further, Judge Rogalle holds regular bi-monthly judges' meetings, and says that he is actively developing a better line of communication between the judicial branch of government and the executive and legislative branches, as well as with the public at large. Rogalle initiated and developed alternative sentencing programs, establishing a Work Program for the City of Romulus, which, he says, results in a considerable savings to the community plus the service that the misdemeanants perform. Further, he has established the Self-Awareness Program, another alternative sentencing procedure whereby defendants are placed on probation and must attend 16 four-hour sessions with the Romulus Adult Education to secure their General Education Diploma (GED). Not only are they being exposed to self-improvement skills and the nuts and bolts of life such as budgeting, securing steady employment, and hygiene, but they gain priceless self-esteem, as well, says Rogalle.

Rogalle has also been active in helping with the current drunk-driving problem, assisting in victim panels, therapy, and counseling in an attempt to lessen the tide of drunken drivers within our communities. A current program on the drawing board at the Court is aimed at domestic violence, which consists of about 40% of the communities' assaultive crime. After attending a seminar, Rogalle and the Probation Department began working to set up a Task Force to seek funds for awareness and counseling. □

Romulus Man Dies in Shooting Incident

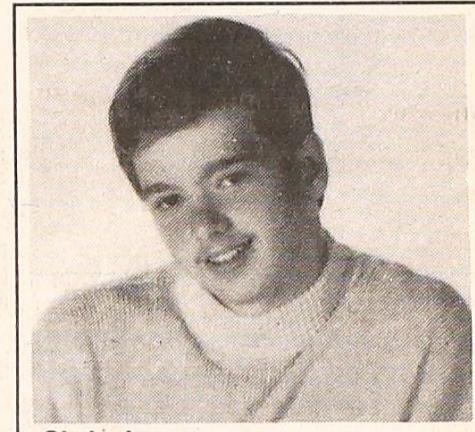
On Tuesday, February 22, Christopher Jones of Romulus, Michigan, was pronounced dead at Wayne's Annapolis Hospital within an hour of a shooting incident in the parking lot of the Romulus Adult Education facility, located at 39000 Superior.

The shooting—which, according to Romulus Police Lieutenant Kenneth Kraus, probably took place between 9:10 and 9:15 p.m.—occurred when Jones went to the Adult Education facility to pick up his fiancée, Theresa McCarroll, who is a student there. McCarroll, who witnessed part of the incident, is reportedly unharmed.

Kraus stated that Police are as yet unsure about the events that transpired before the shooting as well as the reason behind it.

The 21-year-old Jones was a 1990 graduate of Romulus High School, where he earned varsity letters in basketball, football, and baseball. Jones' had been working as a community relations representative for Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., at the time of his death.

Jones, the son of Bruce and Patricia Jones of Romulus, is survived by his parents; two brothers (23-year-old Mar-



Chris Jones

tin, who is currently in the United States Air Force and stationed in Wyoming, and 17-year-old Eric, a senior at Romulus High School); and one sister (20-year-old Eve Fitzhugh, who lives in Orlando, Florida, with her husband John).

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 26, at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus, with Reverend J.D. Landis of Community United Methodist Church officiating. Visitation hours have not yet been set.

Memorial tributes may be made in the form of donations to the Romulus Athletic Boosters Club. □

Former Court Administrator Charged with Embezzlement

Michigan Attorney General Frank J. Kelley has announced that he has filed criminal charges against former 34th District Court administrator Nancy Schuette of Belleville, Michigan, for her alleged embezzlement of funds from the Court in Romulus. According to audits conducted by the State Court Administrator's office, approximately \$270,000 was improperly withdrawn from the Court between 1992 and 1993. In a complaint filed with the 34th Judicial District Court, Schuette is charged with three counts of embezzlement accounting for a portion of the missing funds.

Schuette allegedly hid the embezzlement by using the Court's system of voiding erroneous transactions. Under that system, whenever an incorrect amount was entered into the cash register, the cashier subtracted the incorrect amount by entering a second transaction. Kelley alleges that, when Schuette took money from the cash register, she entered a trans-

action subtracting that amount from the cash-register balance. As a result, the amount of cash in the register was the same as the altered cash-register balance at the end of each day. Yearly audits by an outside firm failed to discover the embezzlement.

The Michigan Supreme Court Finance Office has issued a series of recommendations for changes in Court procedures to prevent the possibility of a similar occurrence in the future.

"Every public officer or employee who is entrusted with the handling of public money has a strict duty to the taxpayers to see that their money is used properly for the public's business," said Kelley. "It is always a disappointment to see a public employee abuse that trust."

If convicted, Schuette faces maximum penalties of 10 years in prison or fines of \$15,000.

Investigation into the embezzlement continues. □

The Lighter Slice

A Bittersweet Moment



By Tom Shamanski

About two years ago, on a Sunday it was, I stopped by my mom's and sister's house for dinner . . . and dinner . . . and dinner. I stayed there so long not only for the food, but also because they actually had electricity and indoor plumbing. Too, it was nice to escape a life of grocery shopping, cutting my own meat into little pieces, and working to make a living.

Recently, however — after having done lunch with, and become engaged to, Faith Hill — I became inspired: I decided to move to Nashville and join her to cut a couple of hit country-music tunes.

As gently as possible, I tendered the news to my mom and sister, telling them to look for my first country hit within a few weeks. It would probably, I said, have something to do with unrequited love, drinking like a fool, or the diagnosis and treatment of gout. Then, I went up to my room and began packing my stuff, though I decided to let my sister keep my copy of Jimmy Swaggart's new book, *How To Make It in the Upcoming End-Times*.

Soon, wanting to give Faith a call, and also to get some help with my packing, I bounced back downstairs. When I tried to call Faith, I must have misdialed, because the answering voice said, "Nashville State Hospital, Delusion Department. How may I pretend to direct your call?" Thinking that I'd try again later, I went to find my mother and sister to ask for help.

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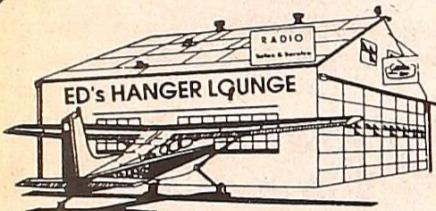
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The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Resident Says It's Time To Make Peace on Well

Letter to the Editor:

\$100,000+\$140,000=\$240,000.

WOW! That's almost a quarter of a million dollars! This money is being spent on a lawsuit (City vs. Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.) that, in my opinion, cannot be won.

Back in October 1993, at a meeting held at Romulus High School, the question was asked, "Is this well a 'done deal'?" The answer should have been YES! The deep well was already dug. EDS had spent \$2.6 million to do this, and expected to carry on their business of disposal of hazardous wastes.

In July of 1993, several City officials had dinner with the EDS management, and were told the schedule of construction and operation of the deep well. Construction started on July 19, 1993, and was completed in August 1993. Why didn't City of Romulus officials inform the public at this time?

We are getting closer to the court date in April – and what happens then? There will be no royalties (which could be \$500,000+ per year) for the City, and EDS would only be obligated to pay property taxes. (EDS did not ask for any tax breaks like TIFA or tax abatements.) The citizens may also lose the right to monitor the well.

There are risks just in walking outside your house – even inside it – but this well has been proven to be the safest there is.

The legal opinions written by Barry Seifman, City Attorney, in December 1990, said that the City did not have jurisdiction over the well. In July 1992,

the Mayor updated the Council members on EDS' plans; in July 1993, at the dinner given by EDS, City officials were given the dates set for the upcoming construction.

Then came October 1993.

A "done deal"? I think so!

Now Romulus voters are being asked to vote on a ballot proposal to levy one additional mill to continue the fight! I don't know! The proposal doesn't say what the mill will really be used for.

It's time for EDS and the City to make peace, and allow everyone to get back to their jobs. Forget the lawsuit; save the money, instead, and start collecting those royalties!

Dolores A. Witzgall
Romulus

Former Councilman Asks, "Where Were You, Bill?"

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on Councilman Bill Wadsworth's letter, which appeared in your January 27, 1994 edition.

Throughout the campaign of 1993, you, Bill Wadsworth, repeatedly said that you voted against the Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) injection well back in 1990, and you have been against it ever since. I checked on your statements and, sure enough, you're right. You did vote against the well in December 1990, and you voted again in October 1993 (two months after the well had been constructed) to spend \$100,000 in City funds to pay high-priced lawyers to fight the well.

My only problem with your statements is: What did you do to stop the well during the two and a half years in between? It is clear from the records that you knew all along that the well was going in. What actions did you take to prevent it? Where were you then?

In July 1993, before drilling the well, EDS invited you, along with the Mayor and lots of other City officials, to attend an informational meeting at the Romulus Holiday Inn, and informed you that drilling would begin in a few weeks. What did you do to try and stop the well at that meeting?

Well, Bill, here we are in February 1994, and the City has spent more than the \$100,000 on legal fees – with lots more to come. We realize that our City services may be cut, City employees may be laid off, and we won't be a bit surprised if you vote to raise taxes so as to pay more of our hard-earned money to your fancy lawyers.

I, as a taxpayer, can't afford the kind of government which you are promoting. I believe that you, the rest of the Council, and the Mayor should sit down with EDS and resolve this matter for the benefit of the City of Romulus instead of relying on lawyers to do your job for you. Do something NOW.

Junior Block
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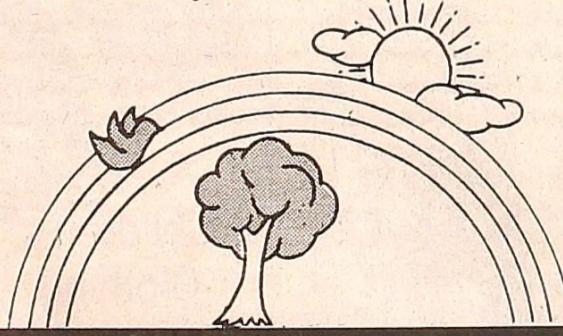
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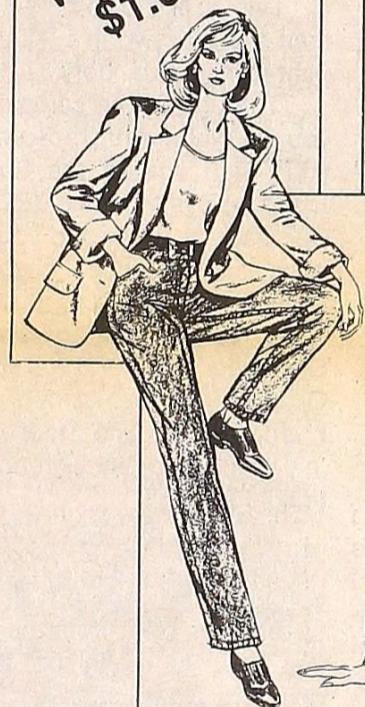


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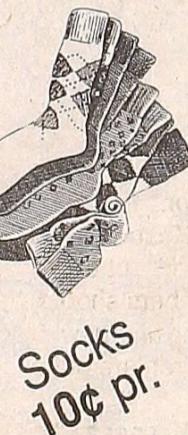
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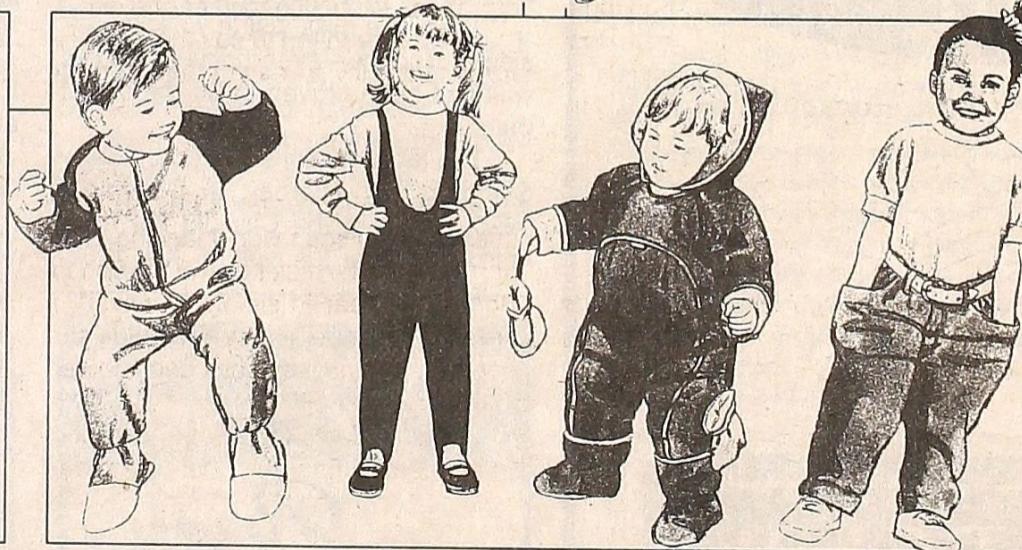
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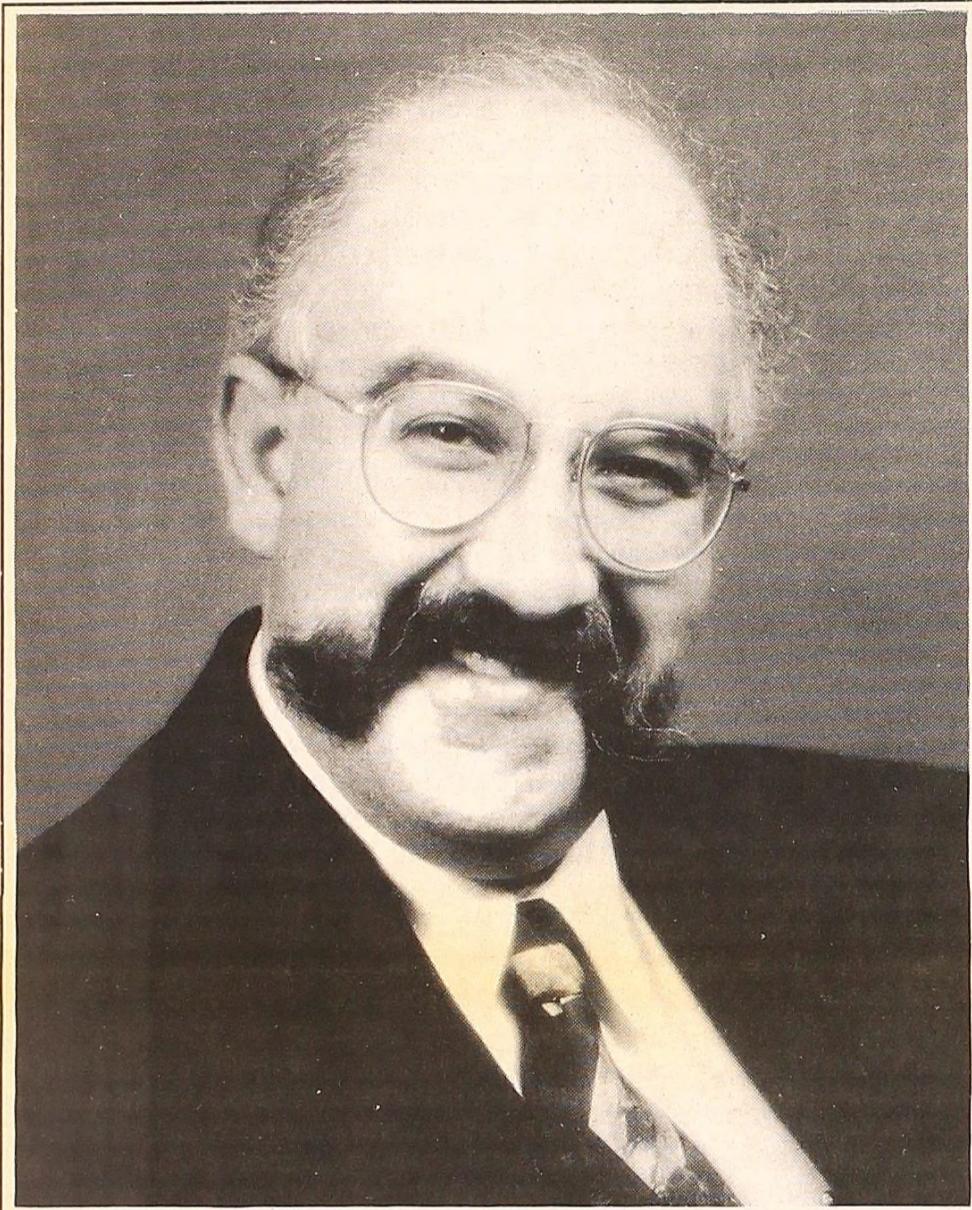
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Romulus Profile: Howard Kesner



By Tom Shamanski

At 47 years of age, Howard Kesner is currently president of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education.

Howard Kesner also wears a small, white pearl earring in his left ear.

A New York City native, Kesner has a number of profound thoughts about the behavior of today's students.

The longtime Romulus resident also sports a large, bushy, wrap-around handlebar mustache.

... In short, Kesner is very much his own person – with a wonderful sense of humor and a wit as dry as summer sand – and, as such, is a most charming man with whom to talk.

In a recent interview, when asked to comment on being a member of the Romulus Board of Education, Kesner smiled and quipped, "I must have had a death wish to run for the School Board. We're working with hard money and making hard decisions, but the pay is really great. Also, we usually do get a cup of coffee at the meetings."

Then, more seriously, Kesner spoke to the current generation of students.

"Kids these days," he began, "are in a 'vast wasteland of adolescence.' In general, teenagers are really lost; they're going through all sorts of physical and

hormonal changes. They really don't know where they're going.

"But," he continued, "that's how it's always been. Kids don't really change; it's our adult perception of them that does. I feel that we, as adults, tend not to look back, and we therefore forget that we have walked through this 'wasteland,' too. What we should be doing is looking at the good things that kids are doing, and asking: 'How can we help them?'"

Kesner earned his bachelor of arts degree in 1972 from Detroit's Wayne State University. In 1991, still some 18 credit-hours shy of receiving his master's degree in business administration, he was enrolled at Mt. Pleasant's Central Michigan University in order to complete his studies. Then, suddenly, Kesner underwent bypass heart surgery – which "kind of slowed me down," as he put it.

"For a long time," Kesner said, "I thought it was just heartburn. But, after two weeks, my wife insisted that I go to the doctor."

After a series of tests, he added, he quickly found himself in Detroit's Harper Hospital. The following morning, Kesner went under the surgeon's blade.

"A while after the surgery," he said, "the nurses would kid me about all the 'multi-colored' kids who would come to

visit me. They were kids I knew through my own children as well as some others I knew from my work on the Board."

Prevention is now on the front burner at the Kesner household, as the entire family has altered its life-style with new eating habits and a large measure of exercise, he said.

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Kesner was first elected to the Romulus Board of Education in 1987. Now in his seventh consecutive year, he has, in addition to serving as the current president, also done time as both treasurer and secretary.

'When asked to list the three School Board accomplishments of which he is most proud, Kesner replied, "When our district was in hard financial times, I served on the original steering committee for the Partners in Education program. The Program provided enrichment to our students at a time when enrichment was considered a luxury.

"Over the past six years," he added, "Partners in Education has become a very successful program, and I'm proud to have had a small part in its growth."

His involvement in the integration of computerized technology into the Romulus Schools' curricula is another Board achievement of which he is proud.

The final accomplishment that Kesner listed is ongoing, taking place every June.

"For me," he explained, "attending the graduation ceremonies each year is a reaffirmation of why I'm on the School Board. No matter the problems, the crises, that have occurred during the school year – graduation is the culmination of all our efforts in striving toward one end."

Kesner went on to say that he feels a responsibility to each student in the School District – and, in that respect, feels that they are all "his children."

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Due to the current upheaval and uncertainty in education financing, Kesner feels that the major goal of the School Board this year is simply "survival" in order to continue serving Romulus students as well as they have been served to the present time.

"I really don't know what to expect with regard to financing, but I don't see any good coming out of all this," he said. "Although I appreciate the State's attempt to achieve parity among all schools, I feel that – bottom line – the kids will suffer the most."

"If we can't provide even minimum programs because of funding problems," he added, "we're sunk. We'll become a mediocre school system, and it's not going to be a pretty picture."

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Since 1991, Kesner has been a member of the City's Planning Commission. Additionally, along with his children, Kesner has been heavily involved in

scouting through the years.

Kesner also told of being a "buffer person" during a 1968 anti-Vietnam Conflict demonstration which occurred at Detroit's Kennedy Square.

"It was a massive demonstration," he explained, "with about 100,000 people. Mostly, it was students – a lot from Wayne State, but I'm sure that students from other schools were there, too – as well as various other political groups."

"Although I wasn't sure how I felt about the war at the time," Kesner added, "I was among a group of people who stayed between the police and the marchers as a kind of buffer between the two groups. I guess I've always been a peace-maker, or negotiator, at heart."

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For the past 22 years, Kesner has been employed in the credit field. Currently credit manager for Livonia's Randolph Medical Company, Kesner oversees the credit activity of the firm's accounts while also striving to retain good customer relations, he said.

"By degree," noted Kesner, "I'm actually a TV producer. In 1966, as part of my schooling, I floor-managed wrestling on Channel 62. All the wrestlers would come in one car, get out and beat each other up, and then leave together in the same car."

"In those days," he continued, "there was a wrestler who went by the name of 'The Sheik'; he was one of the 'bad guys.' In the ring, his thing was that he couldn't speak English – but, actually, he was the producer, and spoke perfect English in the control booth."

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When queried as to his future plans with regard to the School Board, Kesner said, "I'll probably run for another term. I have a 'vested interest' in our schools, with my two youngest kids still being students. If I'm reelected, that term will finish up when my youngest will be a senior."

Kesner doesn't plan on "making a career" out of the School Board. Board members should, he believes, consider letting in "new blood" once their own children are out of school.

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Kesner and his wife Alice have been married for 22 years. Until October 1993, Alice worked in the City of Romulus' personnel department, but has returned to being a full-time parent, Kesner said. The fact that the couple's two eldest children were so-called "latchkey" kids is what led Alice to leave her post with the City and work in the home – where, as Kesner noted, "the kids need her." Kesner also said that he and Alice are both happy with her being at home.

At 20 years of age, Amanda is the Kesners' oldest child. As a sophomore studying biochemical engineering at the Mas-

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Faust Pushes for Adequate Public Notice of DNR Activities

Senator William Faust (D-Westland) recently introduced legislation, Senate Bill 1026, requiring that public notice of a permit application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources be published in a local newspaper.

Faust's legislation is in response to an earlier situation in Romulus, where notice of an application to construct and operate a Class I deep disposal well was published in *The Detroit News* rather than in one of the local Romulus newspapers.

"While I think *The Detroit News* is a fine publication, the citizens of Romulus were not notified adequately of proposed activity in their community by a Legal

Notice in the classified section of the *News*," said Faust.

"Regardless of how one feels about any given project, citizens have a right to know what is going on in their community," Faust continued, "my bill requires that these notices be published in the same newspaper that the local government uses to publish its legal notices."

"While this corrective action comes too late to affect the current situation in Romulus, I hope it will go a long way toward avoiding such controversy in the future," Faust added.

The bill has been sent to the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee for review. □

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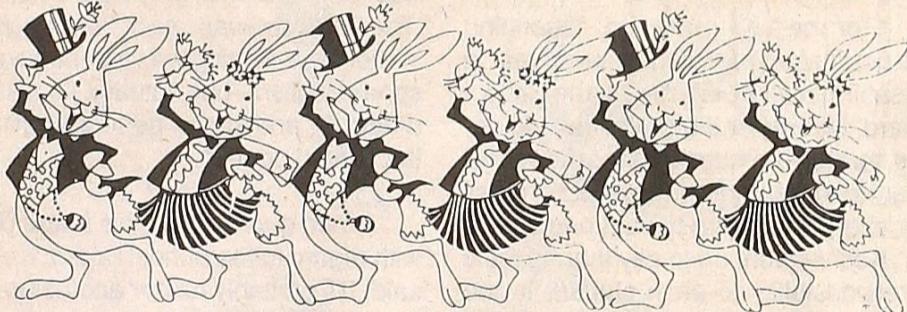
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Community Calendar

• **VOTES Meeting** – VOTES (Voice of Taxpayers for Efficient Spending), an organization of Romulus residents dedicated to enhancing the value of our tax dollar by holding City government officials accountable for spending, will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. Items to be discussed will include the City budget, especially the General Fund; a number of lawsuits in which the City is currently involved, including the suit against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.; other environmental issues, such as above-ground dump sites; future opportunities for business; and real estate values. Everyone is invited. For further information, please call Dolores Witzgall, chairperson (942-0002), or Janice Coulson, secretary (941-6101).

• **Chamber's 14th Annual Awards Banquet** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 14th Annual Awards Banquet, honoring "Person of the Year" recipient Florence Klein for her outstanding volunteer service to the Romulus community, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at the Clarion Inn (Romulus). Donation is \$30 per person, payable to the Romulus Chamber (located at 31200 Industrial Highway) by March 11. For further information please call the Chamber (326-4290).

• **Brighton Beach Memoirs** – While much has been written about the prolific comedic talents of playwright Neil Simon, *Brighton Beach Memoirs* has been heralded as possibly his finest work. Winner of the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play in 1983, this play is the first piece in Simon's poignant and hilarious autobiographical trilogy (the later plays: *Biloxi Blues* and *Broadway Bound*). Huron Civic Theatre (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston, just opposite Michigan Memorial Park cemetery) will present *Brighton Beach Memoirs* on February 26 & 27. The Saturday show is at 8 p.m.; Sunday's show is at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students/senior citizens. For tickets and information, call 782-5380.

• **Senior-citizen Walking Club** – If you're a senior citizen (age 50 and over) who would like to begin a regular walking program, now is the time to start! The Romulus Senior Center's van takes interested seniors to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus every Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for a session of indoor walking at your own pace. As an added incentive, walkers who complete 25 miles will be treated to a free lunch! There's no sign-up; just show up – ready to walk! For more information, call Marilyn Masters or Barbara Schultz at the Romulus Senior Center (942-6852).

• **Volunteers Needed for Youth Assistance Program** – The Romulus Youth Assistance Program, a community-based project which is funded by the City of Romulus, is seeking volunteers to work with youths and children. Free training is available. You can make a difference by volunteering. For more information, call Jennifer Cecelon at the Romulus Help Center: 942-7585.

• **ADHD Parent Support Group** – A free-of-charge Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder parent support group has begun monthly meetings at Bentley Center (15100 Hubbard, Livonia). Parents and facilitators talk about signs and symptoms, how to respond to out-of-control behaviors, discipline, sibling rivalry, and much more! For more information, call 313-513-7598.

• **Romulus Historical Museum** – The Romulus Historical Museum (located on Hunt Street next to the Post Office in downtown Romulus) is open to the public every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call the Museum at 942-2340.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Restaurant Owners "Grilled" About Their Establishment

By Ray Tolman

One day, approximately 18 months ago, Zacharias Sofikitis happened to drop into the Merriman Street Grill for a drink. Sofikitis – or "Zack," as he is more commonly known from here to Greektown – fancied the restaurant/lounge very much and, after some basic inquiries, discovered that the business was for sale. Within six months, Zack and his wife Olga – Canton residents for the past four years – purchased the concern, located at 7660 Merriman between Wick and Ecorse roads.

In a recent interview, Olga – a delightfully animated, personable woman who also acts as the restaurant's hostess – talked about the couple's previous experience in the food-service industry.

"For 2½ years," she said, "we owned and operated a restaurant in Stuart, Florida. We also had our own produce business in the Detroit area for 10 years."

Although saddled with a somewhat nondescript exterior, the simple, eye-pleasing fact is that the Grill's interior can most readily be described as elegant. Beige- and cream-colored walls enclose the basic color scheme of red, forest green, and the deep hue of maple wood, giving the room a cheerfully warm, cozy atmosphere that invites diners to relax and enjoy themselves. The spacious comfort of its 3,500 square feet of space and 120-patron capacity is exemplified by the ample space between the plush, leather booths; tables and chairs; and rich, wood bar which stretches from front to back along one of the side walls.

The Merriman Street Grill's menu offers patrons numerous choices, including "Introductions" such as Macho Nachos or Battered Chicken Strips; Greek or Caesar Steak salads; and "La Cocina De Mexico's" Fajitas and Wet Burrito. A sampling of entrees would include Chicken Parmigiana, a 14-ounce Strip Steak, and a dish of Cajun Mixed Grill. The eatery also boasts a large selection of "stacked" sandwiches, various deluxe hamburgers, and – for dessert – Blackbottom Pie and Cheesecake, among other tasty treats.

In speaking to featured daily and weekend specials, Olga said, "From Monday through Friday, we offer seven deli lunch specials – some with soup, some with soup or salad – that change each day. We also have homemade bread.

"On Saturdays and Sundays," she continued, "we have seven dinner specials which are always the same; they're the tried-and-true favorites of our customers. Even so, we're continually trying to improve our menu, including the specials. Often, we'll try different types of food just to see what our customers like."

"Since we opened," the restaurateur continued, "we've always paid attention to what our customers say about our food. So far, I'm happy to say that 99% have been satisfied with their meals."

Gregory Afthinos is the Merriman Street Grill's general manager, and is

enthusiastically characterized by Olga as "absolutely the best!" Previously, he worked for Warren's Royalty House, and was also instrumental in opening Greektown's Pegasus restaurant. Besides being an excellent worker, said Olga, Afthinos is also a very good family man.

Dino Stavropoulos is now a fixture as the Grill's permanent chef. Before settling on Stavropoulos to head up the restaurant's kitchen, Olga tested a total of three chefs, searching for the one who would best suit her stringent requirements.

Said Olga, "Dino is an excellent chef; he was chef for the Carriage Inn in Ann Arbor for eight years. It is Dino who has introduced our Italian dishes as well as our homemade bread."

All told, the restaurant supports approximately 20 employees, said Olga, with a large number of them being Romulus residents. Said Olga, "After all, we've got to support our community."

"I'm very happy with our current employees," she added. "We went through several people to get the workers we have now."

Two of those workers are Olga's sons: Jimmy, age 20, and Andy, 15.

"They're both cooks," Olga stated, "and do actual cooking in addition to prep work. They're both hard workers and, even at home, they're always trying new dishes. Someday, Andy would like to go to school to become a master chef."

In focusing on future plans for the Merriman Street Grill, Olga noted that, currently, a vacant store lies adjacent to the restaurant. If possible, the Sofikitises would like to annex that particular space in order to expand.

"Our customers have said that they wish we had more room because they like the place so much," said Olga. She then noted that – as the restaurant is recognized for its quiet atmosphere that's conducive to lunch/dinner meetings – the Grill often hosts a large number of business people, generally from the Romulus area. Additionally, travelers make up a sizeable portion of the Merriman Street Grill's clientele, Olga said.

Olga and Zack have been married for 21 years, a union resulting from an "arranged marriage" in their native homeland of Greece. Eight-year-old Angelo joins Jimmy and Andy in rounding out the couple's three sons.

Olga is proud of the fact that everyone knows and likes Zack, who has a natural ability to get along with everyone.

"I've always been by Zack's side," said Olga, "and will always want to be."

Indeed, the side-by-side combination of Olga's captivating zest and Zack's warm and outgoing personality should permit the couple to successfully serve their customers for many years to come.

Merriman Street Grill is open Monday through Saturday from 11 to 1 a.m.; Sunday hours are 4 to 11 p.m. Call (313) 595-6166 for more information. □

Honor Roll Reflects Academic Achievement at Elementaries

Congratulations to the following students who made the Honor Roll for the second marking period of the 1993-1994 school year.

Barth Elementary

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

Mrs. Davis' Room

Jennifer Bury, *Travis Chandler, Dwayne Harris, Keith Kelley, Danielle McClue, *Falencia Owensky, and Travis Person.

Mrs. Gursky's Room

Irene Baker, Leah Cotham, Chris DeFelice, Amanda Judy, Gary Lee, Bryon Lewis, Anson Long, Lonnie McCollum, Matthew Neimann, *Dayne Peters, *Monica Watson, and *Ray Woodrow.

Mrs. Hall's Room

Holly Ayles, Jason Cantrell, Christopher Chesno, Brandi Hamilton, Ashley Hayes, Sharonda Jackson, Natasha Lowe, Adam Malloy, Steven Parks, Bethany Swauger, Laura Tanner, Kelli Weimer, and Troy Williams.

Mrs. Hedlin's Room

David Adkins, Jocelyn Barnes, Paul Bodis, April DeFelice, Brandon Ferguson, Rebecca Garland, Molly Hackney, Jackie Hamilton, Jennell Harper, Shaun Kemp, Amanda Letner, Danyelle Malloy, Rachel Maynor, Angel McKinney, Brandon Olson, Nicole Parks, Chris Rocker, John Ryznar, Jeremy Townsend, Keith Troutt, and Windell Woods.

Mrs. Lanning's Room

Robert Adkins, Nicole Bills, Rachel Broom, Jessica Cantrell, Kelly Carroll, Joshua Cutliff, Kendal Duncan, Jerome Gray, Justin Harp, Ileena Hill, *Deana Hunter, Mike Johnson, Falon Kennedy, Marquita Lewis, Dana Noble, Jillian Reno, Davon Weatherholt, Erica Williams, and David Wyscaver.

Mrs. Mientkiewicz's Room

Amanda Brewington, Ronald Buckley, Jeremy Cantrell, *Meghan Conway, Leslie Dailey, LeChaunte Ellerson, Rick Hadyniak, Joseph Haverlock, *Bradley Hindman, Julian Lambert, December Long, Joshua Nichols, Tony Penn, Robert Rice, Natasha Tao, Matthew Thiede, Joseph Watt, Orlando Wells, Angela Williams, *Megan Woodrow, and Jayme Zachrey.

Mrs. Power's Room

*Ryan Block, *Andrea Coate, Theresa Genaw, Teleair Green, Rosalie Hammond, Marshal Hardt, *Carla Harris, Lindsey Hoppe, *Rachel Kolar, *Ruby Lee, Jasmine Noble, Diana Oswald, John Penn, Kim Pollard, Jennifer Schnarrs, Carrie Spielman, and Amanda Youtsey.

Mrs. Reott's Room

*Erin Conway, Moriah Holbrook, Sarah Mattson, Shawna Peters, and Eric Staten.

Cory Elementary

Note: An asterisk denotes those students on the Principal's Honor Roll.

Mr. Blackburn's Class

Taritonye Burutolu, *Crystal Nawrot, and Matthew Slater.

Ms. English's Class

Antoine Bailey, *Brittany Bingham, *Elizabeth Caburet, *Nikki Carr, *Dayna Dawson, *Adam Gibbons, Michelle Gonzalez, *Jasmine Mark, Christopher Moore, and Rubens Paillere.

Ms. Gilkey's Class

Aaron Brown, Darren Cox, Ryan Henne, *Chris Higgins, *Jamie Hool, *Keith Hubbard, *Amy Hudson, Joseph Johnson, Makenzie Logan, Ryan Sergott, *Ashley Slone, and *Chris Talley.

Ms. Green's Class

Alexis Brown, Joseph Brown, *Tracie Finley, Tommy Gebo, Charmie Greenwood, Mychael Hill, Tracy Hojara, John McCullough, and *Anthony Saenz.

Ms. Kirk's Class

Christopher Conley, *Kelly Hardway, *Alex Macfarlane, *Heather Patrick, *Andrew Rodger, *Clifford Smith, Melita Tolbert, Brenee Warren, and *Cassie Wilson.

Ms. Morgan's Class

Keyrion Campbell, Brandon Dawson, *Brenda Finley, *Della Hamby, *Jamie Henne, Matthew Troutt, and Shannon Winkles.

Ms. Pluff's Class

*Candice Bingham, *Nicole Burgess, Taripreya Burutolu, Valda Cole, Tyra Donald, Christopher Garwood, Joslyn Hankerson, Marcel Hardeman, *Heather Heughens, *Amanda Hislop, Kara-Jo Kraft, *JoNeke McClain, and Kimberely Michaux.

Ms. Price's Class

Monique Chadwick, Keri Deverich, Tiffany Flemings, LaDonna Franklin, Dinah Malosh, *Crystal Massey, Evelyn Paschal, Renia Thum, Ernest Tolbert, and Mya Williams.

Ms. Washington's Class

Amanda Bassett, Eric Choice, *Xavier Clemons, Yatoshia Hamlin, Heather Hislop, *Megan Kelley, Michael Madison, and *Ashley McGrane.

Wick Elementary

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

Third Grade

Katie Bolus, Ryan Boyd, Tiffany Burrell, Brittney Clark, Robert Connolly, Eric Decker, Josephine Denys, Christopher Dew, Kathleen Eggers, Charles Griffin, Shahidah Hasan, Erick Hemmingway, Curtis Jackson, Krystyna Klim, Crystal Koch, Amy Leffler, Andrew McNeil, Brandon Moring, Tamara Parker, Michael Penrod, Donald Richison, Amber Samples, Sabreen Sharrief, Miyon Smith, *Jill Steffani, Ashley Stockdale, Amy Studstill, Marcia Todd, and Patrick Webb.

Fourth Grade

Shameah Abraham, Sarah Barnard, Shanelle Bishop, Marida Bivens, Chrystal Blair, David Boyd, Bradford Brown, Jennifer Camilleri, Michael Christopher, Rochelle Davis, Raymond Eggers, Michael Evensen, Michael Green, Brett Gregory, Jennifer Groves, Heather Hall, Brandy Hemmingway, Brandon Hicks, Scott Kennedy, Kathrine Kortas, Tracy LaFehr,

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 24, 1994

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, January 24, 1994, was called to order by President Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Hoffman absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

Approval of Agenda:

1/94/7 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King the Agenda be approved as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

1/94/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn the Minutes of December 21, 1993, and January 10, 1994, be approved with the correction of two typing edits (where "all" was not properly omitted under Roll Call and – on 1/10/94 only – where Secretary was not corrected to read "Sandra F. Langley"). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Members of the audience discussed such topics as Halecreek's roof leaks, bus safety concerns, and building security and safety. Administrators responded.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

There were no Personnel Actions this evening.

Bills for Payment

1/94/9 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson the Bills for Payment be approved as recommended by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

High School Graduation – Senior Class

Staci Steffani, Senior Class President, expressed concerns about location of graduation site.

Comp. Ed. Report

Dr. Terry LeCesne reported on evaluation of the Comp. Ed. Program.

Possible League Resolution

Board Members discussed possible league admittance and their concerns.

School Finance Report

Administrators Bedell and Carr discussed the latest analysis of the new School Aid Act with Board Members.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) WCRESA Letter – New Superintendent; 2) Media Techs – Letter of Praise; and 3) Article – Health Clinics.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member King: WCASB Winter Conference.

Member King: Represented Board at Martin Luther King ceremony.

Member Berlinn: Effect of cold weather on buildings.

Member Berlinn: Attended Martin Luther King program – flag presented.

Member Wilkerson: Shared concern about ill Halecreek student.

Member Kesner: Need for curtains at High School.

Executive Session – Contracts

1/94/10 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of Contracts. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:33 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:02 P.M.

Resolution on Superintendent's Contract

1/94/11 Moved by King supported by Patterson to approve the employment contract for the Superintendent as recommended by our attorney. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

1/94/12 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra F. Langley, Secretary
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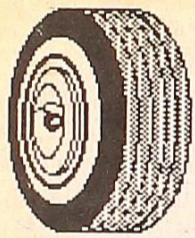
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(From left) Antonio Madrigal, assistant food and beverage director; Barbara Finney, food and cocktail server; and Patrick Riley.

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San Antone's Many Specials Please Country Crowd

By Jim Quilman

The restaurant and lounge of Romulus, Michigan's Ramada Inn, located at 8270 Wickham Road, recently went "country" - and in a big way! With its total area of 5,000 square feet and a 400-patron capacity, the new San Antone Tex-Mex Steakhouse and Lounge has been sectioned off into a large restaurant and a smaller, country-style lounge.

In a recent interview, Patrick Riley - the food and beverage director for San Antone - was asked why the facility abandoned its former "Top 40" format in favor of its current country motif.

Said Riley, "We think that, in our particular area - Romulus and the nearby communities of Taylor, Westland, Belleville, Livonia, and a few others - we're surrounded by people who have a strong liking for country and Western music."

"Also," he added, "country is exceedingly popular now. In the current 'Top 40,' probably 50% of the songs are country tunes."

When you first enter San Antone's country lounge, you'll see a multi-level room that can easily be characterized as upscale, elegant, and plush. The entire area is fully carpeted, with the exception of the L-shaped dance floor that features more than 600 square feet of space. A horseshoe-shaped bar, brass railings connecting each level, and authentic horse blankets which depict various Western scenes, as well as saddles and other decorative items, complete the lounge's rustic wood decor.

One particularly unique and attractive aspect of the new San Antone is the small, sunken room tucked into a corner of the lounge. With its lone pool table and a fireplace embedded in one of its walls, the room exudes a delightfully warm and cozy atmosphere.

When asked to speak to the entertainment that will be featured at the lounge, the Detroit-born Riley replied, "Starting in February, we'll be going with a country-music disk-jockey format. The DJ also will be working with dance instructors, as well as 'working the room,' so to speak."

"We decided on disk jockeys, as opposed to live bands," he continued, "because, with DJs, we can ensure that our customers will hear the country music they like best. Also, we think that the majority of young country fans prefer DJs and, by using that format, we'll be two steps ahead of our competition."

Riley did note, however, that San Antone may bring in an occasional guest band on Saturday nights.

A 10-year resident of Madison Heights, Michigan, Riley has been in the

food-and-beverage industry for more than 20 years, and has also notched in excess of 10 years in the area of hotel management.

When queried as to why he enjoys his work, Riley replied, "I enjoy managing hotels because of the many facets, or dimensions, that it offers - there's always some new challenge to face. Also, I enjoy the mix of people that I encounter on a daily basis."

The San Antone lounge boasts a plethora of "specials" throughout the week. These kick off with a "Family Day" each Sunday, when Mom, Dad, and the kids can take advantage of special prices for country-dance instruction and more.

Monday ushers in "Back-to-Work Night," when draft beer and single shots cost just \$1 each and pitchers are priced at \$3.50.

Tuesday's "Texas Steak Night" features a \$5 steak dinner when one drink is purchased at the regular price. Also, Tuesday's "iced beer" will cost only \$1.50.

On Wednesdays, look for "Taco Bar Night," with \$2.50 margaritas and a special price of \$1.25 for a shot of tequila. In addition, as Wednesdays will find the ladies being honored, "fuzzy navels" will cost just \$2.50, as well.

"Cowboys' Night Out!" will fall on Thursdays, when men will pay only \$1.50 for draft beer and \$2 for "well drinks" (those using bar liquor).

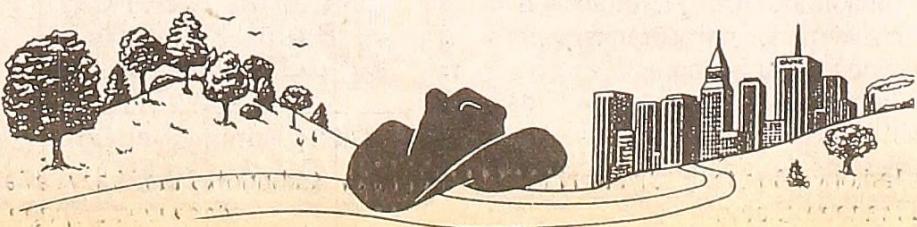
Every Friday night will feature the "Six-Shooter Special," which consists of six beers for \$6. Texas-style appetizers will also be served on Friday, with \$1 buying all the "peel-and-eat" munchies you can consume. Rounding out Friday's special programs is "Beat the Clock," which brings on-the-hour reduced prices for announced drinks.

Available on Saturday nights will be "Buck Shots," a special offering of \$1 shots with the bartender's choice of liquor.

Weekday deals will include lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and "Happy Hour" from 4 to 7 p.m.

The San Antone Tex-Mex Steakhouse menu has numerous selections in soups and starters, salads, Tex-style grilled foods, Mexican fare, seafood, sandwiches, and more.

Weekly lounge hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 to 1 a.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 to 2 a.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 10 p.m. Steakhouse hours are Monday through Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 6 to 1 a.m. (Note: It's always best to call ahead to verify business hours for both the restaurant and lounge sections of San Antone.) For more information, call 313-729-6300. □



Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

News from the Romulus Tower

Thank You—First, I would like to say a short thank-you to everyone who has remembered me during my time of sorrow after the death of my stepbrother. Your cards, phone calls, prayers, and words of sympathy have been a big help, and are very much appreciated.

Happy Birthday—Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in February: Eva Baker, Betty Balcom, Frances Bredow, Laura Chesno, Ricky "Butch" Covertt, William Daniel, Bernice Davis, Grace Diller, Hazel Foust, Thelma Griffin, Adeline Hoerl, Ruth Murphy, Julia Traskos, and Madeline Yearly.

News from the Romulus Senior Center

St. Patrick's Luncheon—Romulus seniors are invited to attend a holiday luncheon at 12 p.m. on Friday, March 11, when the Senior Center celebrates St. Patrick's Day with a special meal prepared by the Center's gourmet cook. The \$2 cost covers entertainment and prizes as well as lunch. Call ahead for a reservation (942-6852).

Guys and Dolls—A Plymouth Community Players presentation of *Guys and Dolls* will follow dinner at Bill Knapp's on Friday, March 11, when local seniors get together to enjoy a "night out." Call the Center for details.

Note: The Center is still collecting Bill Knapp's community support coupons toward a new television. Be sure to turn yours in!

Senior Van Shopping—For a transportation fee of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's Senior Van on Friday, March 4, for a day of shopping at Southland Mall. Sign up at the Center if you're interested. (Note: Trips, limited to 14 passengers, are open on a first-come, first-served basis. You must pay your transportation fee at the time of sign-up to reserve your seat.)

Special Trips—Seniors interested in more information about this or other scheduled trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Masters: 942-6852.

- Frankenmuth**—A special performance by Myron Floren, accordionist on *The Lawrence Welk Show* for many years, will highlight this trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan. The \$46 cost of the one-day excursion, scheduled for May 2, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, the Myron Floren show, and a chicken luncheon at Frankenmuth's famous Bavarian Inn.

Free Health Screening—Friday, March 25, is the date set for the next free health screening (donations accepted) to be held at the Romulus Senior Center

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (no appointment is necessary). Tests performed will include a blood pressure check, blood/urine lab work, a blood sugar test, a cholesterol check, a TB skin test, and glaucoma and hearing checks.

Forum: Making Medicare More Understandable—The Information Center and the Romulus Senior Center are sponsoring a two-day workshop, to be held on March 23 and March 30 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., called Southeast Michigan Elder Forum: "Making Medicare More Understandable." Please pre-register by calling either the Romulus Senior Center (942-6852) or the Information Center (282-7171).

Free Income-tax Service—The Romulus Senior Center will provide free assistance with all forms pertaining to Federal and State income tax.

This program is targeted toward Romulus seniors with a yearly income of \$20,000 or less.

Seniors will be seen every Wednesday until the April 15 deadline for filing taxes (March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13).

You must call (942-6852) in advance for reservations. Everyone will be provided with a list of all necessary information that you must have on the day of your appointment.

Weekly Programs at the Center—Chances are, you'll find at least one of your favorite hobbies among these regular events at the Romulus Senior Center: ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO! (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); oil painting (Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.); line dancing (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Hot Lunch—For only \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance for your reservation. (For information on getting home-delivered meals, please call 1-800-851-1454.) □



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PROFILE: HOWARD KESNER

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sachusetts Institute of Technology—easily one of the Country's most prestigious learning institutions — Amanda enjoys playing music and acting.

Daughter Emily, 18, attends Michigan State University, and is in her first year as a journalism student. The future writer enjoys singing, and is, said her dad, "a very social person."

Fifteen-year-old Ted is a Romulus High School freshman. When asked about his son's future plans, Kesner grinned and replied, "I don't know what he wants to do; he's my 'alternative' kid. Ted wears his hair in all different styles, and the color has been known to change hourly. He says he wants to play with his hair now because, looking at me, he figures that he won't have much time to do so later." With obvious pride, Kesner added that Ted, as a budding poet, was published at age 12.

Mamie is 13 and a seventh-grader at Romulus Middle School. Mamie confounded everyone by being born six weeks late — and, when the time finally came for her arrival, it came quickly: she entered the world at home. Thus, grinned Kesner, of all his children, Mamie is the only true native of Romulus. Among other things, Kesner's youngest likes playing in her school band and roller skating.

Kesner, himself, likes to sing. Prob-

ably twice a month, he said, he'll venture over to Romulus' Clarion Inn to take advantage of its karaoke machine.

"I also like dating my wife," he said. "Sometimes we'll go to the movies or go out to eat; but, a lot of times, we'll just go out for coffee, and sit and talk."

Before finishing the interview, Kesner was asked to comment on his years as a member of the Romulus Board of Education.

"Overall," he stated, "it's been very fulfilling. The School Board has given me the opportunity to give a little bit of me back to the community, in general, and to the children in the community in particular. Hopefully, history will show that it was something worthwhile."

It surely seems, though, that history can wait: Kesner has already been recognized as an able Board member who is totally dedicated in his service to "his" children — the students of Romulus. He is, truly, a multi-faceted and talented man, blessed with a sharp and fascinating wit. The fact that he wears an earring and has a walrus-like growth above his upper lip is probably indicative of his natural ability to easily relate to the students for whom he works. Undoubtedly, having more earringed and handlebar-mustached Howard Kesners around would better serve us all. □

ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL LISTS

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Jazzmen Medley, Bridgette Miller, Sean Mullins, Antoinette Price, LaKesha Rucker, *Devon Tatman, Heather Thierry, Paul Townsend, Maurice Warren, Ronisha Warren, and Remone Young.

Fifth Grade

David Brugh, Taurean Bussey, Randall Calhoun, Stephanie Canada, Crystal Champagne, Samantha Clay, Jeremy Compton, *Andrea Deline, Joseph Flateau, Mellisa Gondek, Calvin Harris, Crystal Humble, Jessica Jackson, Melaina Keller, Jessica Kortas, Jeriesha Lee, Bryan Marcell, Shante McClure, Erica McCrory, Amanda Michniak, Ryan Odell, Kimberly Parker, Ryan Robinson, Michele Ruiz, Rocky Samples, *Emily Schultz,

Sultan Sharrief, *Carl Toth, Taquilla Travis, Jehiquita Tucker, and Jackie Zeestrateen.

Sixth Grade

Christina Allen, Jarene Armstrong, Michelle Baccus, Amanda Barnard, Caleb Beasley, April Benrowsky, Nicole Bratcher, Sharice Carter, Tiffany Champagne, Amanda Clark, *Jackie Evans, Dean Gee, Stephen Harper, Kalvineta Hicks, Michael McNeil, Steven Mientkiewicz, Donald Newton, *Jennifer Nieman, *Jessica Nieman, Tia Piggee, Julie Potoczek, *Crystal Ranton, Lindsay Rhoton, Jennifer Richardson, Robert Ruiz, Alex Russell, *Christine Wands, Sharritta Warren, Regina Washington, and *Jessica Wilhite. □

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Obituaries

Albert W. Block

Albert W. Block of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, February 13, 1994. He was 78 years old.

Albert – a Romulus native, born on October 5, 1915 – married Gertrude R. Nieman in New Boston, Michigan, on May 29, 1940. Albert had retired from Ford Motor Company after 46 years of employment there, and was a member of United Auto Workers Local #600.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Richard A. (Debbie) Block (Westland, MI); three daughters, Mrs. Jerald (Valeria A.) Krause (Livonia, MI), Mrs. Stephen (Carol L.) Earl (Milford, MI), and Mrs. Jerry (Sandra J.) Spjut (Milan, MI); four grandchildren; four brothers, Charles (Romulus, MI), John (Romulus, MI), Delton "Babe" (Romulus, MI), and Irving "Mike" Block (Farwell, MI); and one sister, Mrs. Andrew (Ruth) Ferkovich (Westland, MI).

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 16, at St. Paul Lutheran Church (New Boston, MI), with Reverend Robert Allmann officiating. Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock) was the site of interment. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the St. Paul Church debt fund or the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Donald J. Halimon

Donald J. Halimon of Inkster, Michigan, died on Friday, February 18, 1994, at the age of 41.

The General Motors production worker was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 28, 1952.

Donald is survived by his son, Mandrell Cook (Taylor, MI); his daughter, Ebony Mosley (Romulus, MI); his father, Shaler Halimon (Romulus, MI); his mother, Virginia Halimon (Detroit, MI); four brothers, Edgar E. (Detroit, MI), Shaler Jr. (Portland, OR), Charles E. (Romulus, MI), and Jesse W. (Detroit, MI); and his sister, Ms. Gwendolyn D. Halimon (Southfield, MI).

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 22, at First Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Grover

Cline officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Lois V. Humberger

Lois V. Humberger of Sumpter, Michigan, died on Wednesday, February 16, 1994. She was 80 years old.

Lois, a homemaker, was born in Osseo, Michigan, on November 30, 1913.

She is survived by her son, Charles Humberger (Plymouth, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Rupert (Phyllis) Terry (Taylor, MI) and Mrs. Bruce (Joyce) Willard (Belleville, MI); nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one brother, Lawrence Scheick (Osseo, MI). Her husband, Harold, predeceased Lois on July 27, 1988.

Funeral services were held on Friday, February 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Wandell Ferguson (Freewill Baptist Church, Novi, MI) officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery (Hillsdale, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the Penickton Center for the Blind.

Ethel Zimmerman

Ethel Zimmerman of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, February 19, 1994. She was 61 years old.

Ethel – a homemaker and member of the Pentecostal Christian Center who also travelled and performed gospel songs for 35 years – was born in War Eagle, Virginia, on March 7, 1932.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Zimmerman; two sons, William Terry (Sandra) Zimmerman (Warren, MI) and Robert Lee (Lorrie) Zimmerman (Romulus, MI); three daughters, Ms. Shirley Faye Zimmerman (Cincinnati, OH), Mrs. Charles (Drucilla Gay) Howard (Romulus, MI), and Mrs. Robert (Jackie Lee) Scott (Marysville, OH); seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 23, at Romulus Church of God, with Reverend Douglas M. Bishop officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charity. □



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